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TIMELY TOPICS.

DR. PRIME admits that comparatively a small proportion of clergymen's sons become preachers, but indignantly denies the assertion that "ministers' sons are the worst in the parish."

It is highly probable that the widow of Alexander T. Stewart will be annoyed and persecuted beyond measure by beggars of various degrees, even now that Judge Hilton is employed to assist her in disbursing it.

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According to a contemporary, a curious case has been decided in the court of justice at Munich. It has always been the custom to deck the two towers of the cathedral with flags upon occasions of public festivity.

The San Francisco News Letter describes the newest discovery in natural history, being an insect which has been christened without consulting the scientist—or, as the News Letter calls them, the "bug sharp."

NORMAN McLEOD was once preaching in a district in Ayres, where the reading of a sermon is regarded as the greatest fault of which the minister can be guilty.

RABBITS were so increased in Kentucky that hunting them down has become an absolute necessity.

LATEST NEWS.

SOUTH AND WEST.

The Louisville, Paducah and Southwestern Railroad, now in a receiver's hands, has been ordered to be sold at a time to be hereafter specified.

The supreme court of Louisiana has denied the issue of a two million five hundred thousand dollars of state bonds to the Mobile and Chattanooga railroad to be invalid and unconstitutional.

Capt. Edna informs the jetty company that the depth of water in South Pass varies from fifteen and a half to twenty-eight feet.

Diaz writes to Antoine, of New Orleans, that he has four thousand men with whom he expects to consummate the revolution begun under his name at Matamoros.

The proprietors of the Missouri state lottery have brought suit against the board of police commissioners of St. Louis, asking \$100,000 damages for breaking up their business by the late raids upon their offices and seizure of their property.

Mr. Orleans Times says the break in the levee at Carroll parish, is a mile and a half long, and the water is flowing through it at a rate of one foot per hour.

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The Charleston Courier finds that northern manufacturers of fertilizers have made large shipments to southern ports, and in some instances, were offered at unusually low rates.

Besides the losses from the unparalleled falling off in immigration, New York has lost one-fourth of its import trade in four years.

The drought is severe in Cuba, and is ruining the growing corn and other crops. In the United States, it is especially in a very bad condition, and planters are disheartened.

The three European powers have intimated to the port that if a massacre should follow the arming of the Mohammedan population a military expedition, composed of Austrian and Russian troops, will certainly be undertaken.

The revolution in Hayti is triumphant. Dominique, late president, has fled. President Ramez, and Laquet, the general in command of the government forces, have been shot.

The Chinese have given up the contest with the Portuguese over the possession of the island of Macao. The dispatch relating to this matter states that the Portuguese army of 3,000 men, which was landed there in 1863, has since that time been reduced to 300.

The president has vetoed the bill reducing the salary of president to \$25,000 per annum from and after the 4th of March next.

A championship bicycle race of fifty miles, between D. Stanton, English champion, and W. L. McLeellan, American champion, took place at New York Monday night.

The ocean carrying trade of the country was never, according to the New York Shipping List, in a more unsatisfactory condition than at present.

possessing schools, churches and various industrial establishments. A declaration in favor of the railroad companies would have allocated the title of these people to their property, which was regularly purchased from the United States.

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In the senate, on the 17th, there was unusual activity, preparing for the impeachment trial of W. W. Belknap, late secretary of war.

In the house, on the 17th, the debate on the Kibbourne habeas corpus case was interrupted by the house proceeding in a body to the adjournment.

In the house, on the 18th, the report of the election committee on the Alabama contested election case of Bromberg against Haralson was taken up.

In the senate, on the 18th, Mr. Sherman reported favorably on the senate amendments to the bill to amend the laws relating to legal-tenders of silver coin.

In the house, on the 19th, Mr. Lord reported a resolution to amend the laws relating to legal-tenders of silver coin.

In the house, on the 20th, bills were introduced and referred as follows: To grant satisfaction to a court awarding the writ of habeas corpus in the Halott Kibbourne case.

In the house, on the 21st, Mr. Knott introduced a bill to regulate the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.

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RATES OF ADVERTISING. Table with columns for day, week, month, and year rates.

FACTS AND FANCIES. THE LIVES of Charleston, S. C., have given \$1500 toward the Lee mausoleum.

It is complained that the young men who frequent the parlors of the Paris nobility are fat.

CHICAGO, ever fertile in novelties, has a new name for the barkeeper. He is now known as the cocktail architect.

THE following epigram is from a tombstone in Indiana: Under This Odour I baffle Lie's, Under This Odour I baffle Lie's, Under This Odour I baffle Lie's.

LOVE has a tendency of pressing together all the lights—all the rays emitted from the beloved object by the burning glass of fantasy—into one focus, and making of them one radiant sun without any spots.

IT is because gold is rare that gilding has been invented, which, without having its solidly, has all its brilliancy. Thus, to replace the kindness of gold, we have invented politeness, which has all its appearance.

DEATH is the wish of some, the relief of many, and the end of all. It sets the slave at liberty, carries the banished man home, and restores the man to his own level, inasmuch that life itself were a punishment without it.

A VERY practical old lady having priced a very comfortable looking antique chair at a store devoted to the sale of old curiosities, remarked, with a flourish, "Good gracious! your old truck costs more than the new!"

Mr. BRUCKER relates that human nature has changed very little in the last three thousand years, but we do not remember any record of a Roman senator trying to account to his constituents for a parcel of powder on the left shoulder of his toga on the ground that he had been playing checkers in a grist mill.

UNCLE JIM'S REVISED HYMN. His master's revival, the Mahabter's viz, The depth-time is past, The depth-time is past, The depth-time is past.

AMERICA'S BIG SHOW. A Model of National Wonders An Exhibition Postoffice. For some time past Major J. W. Powell, chief of the second division of the geological survey of the territories, has been engaged in modeling in clay a relief map which he intends to cast in papier-mache or plaster of Paris for exhibition at the centennial display at Philadelphia.

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